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9G, GHANA. Rumors are circulating that a Dutch group of amateurs are trying to raise some funds to travel to this country. It was also mentioned that this group is a medical relief team. There is no word on when this project will happen.

HC, ECUADOR. Rick, NE8Z, will be active again from here February 16-28. He will be using the following callsigns: HC1MD (Pichincha Province) Feb. 16-19 and Feb. 25-28, HC1MD/HC4 (Esmeraldas Province) Feb 19-23 (including ARRL CW DX Contest) and HC1MD/HC6 (Cotopaxi Province) Feb. 24-25. Rick will be active 40 thru 10 meters (including the WARC bands) on mostly CW (5kHz and 25 kHz), but with some SSB operations. QSL via K8LJG, John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506 USA or via the W8 QSL Bureau.

JD1, OGASAWARA. The DX News-Letter by DL1HBT reports JQ1NGT/JD1 will be active from February 11 to 14. QSL via JQ1NGT.

OD, LEBANON. Walid (OD5ZZ), NODXA member, is working for his 5BDXCC and can be found around 3795 kHz starting around 2100z to as late as 0200z. Walid has informed OPDX that the QSL cards for the special event OD5RAK have been sent to Dwaine (WA8MEM). So you can now QSL to WA8MEM for OD5RAK cards.

P5RS7 UPDATE (News Release #2- dated 25 Jan. 1993). (ed. The following was edited.) Activity by P5RS7 started on Dec. 18, 1992, 5 days behind the schedule. A CW contact on 7 MHz by JA1TWP was the first in the world. Thereafter, Romeo made a contact with JA1BK on 7 MHz SSB who initiated the news release through a fax to inform the world about the operation.

The P5RS7 group conducted operations from one of the camps located in the North-Eastern Region near the Russian boader. There were five operators: Romeo/3W3RR, Oleg/UB4JDM, Mike/UW0MF, Toly/UT3UY, Mr. Oleg Pavlenko. A report of an operator called Vlad was operating, but this was a PIRATE operation.

Two stations were operated at the same time, one equipped with a TS-690S with a TL-922 amp and the other was a TS690S running bare foot. Antennas used: ground plane antennas for 10 and 15 meters, on 20 meters an inverted "V"(first utilizing a standing tree and about one week later moved to the roof), for 160/80/40 meters common feeded inverted "Vs"were used and on 6 meters a simple two element quads used.

P5RS7 went QRT at 1800Z on January 6, 1993 under the instruction from Pyongyang. More then 36,000 QSOs were in the log. The logs were inspected by authority of Pyongyang on the January 7. The log for 160,

80 and 6 meters have already arrived at JA1HGY and the rest will soon be arriving.

It was also reported that P5RS8, operated by Toly, was active for a short time on 27 MHz.

The above information was obtained from Romeo (reportedly dresses in Ukraine Army Major uniform) in Beijing on January 22, 1993.

"I would like to appreciate for what they have done under the most difficult situation and give my highest respect for their success."

- Project Coordinator: Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK

VP2E, ANGUILLA. John, KA3DBN, a member of the Northern Ohio DX Association, will sign VP2EBN in the CQ WW 160 SSB Contest, February 27-28. Before and after the contest, John will operate CW, SSB, and RTTY on all bands (including the WARC bands). John mentioned that in March, he will be in Southern Africa, including 7Q7, A2 7P8, 3DA0 and C9. He will active in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest from ZS-land. QSL via home call.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Glenn (WA0PUJ) along with KC0ZC and W5MUG will be active as /VP5 from March 4-10 before and after the ARRL DX SSB Contest. During the contest, they will be using VP5H. Contest activities (bands/stations) were not mentioned. QSL VP5H via WA0PUJ, VP5/W5MUG via WN5YTR, VP5/KC0ZC via KC0ZC and VP5/WA0PUJ via WA0PUJ.

XF0C, CLARION ISLAND (IOTA NA-115). XE1BEF, XE1EMN, XE1GRR, XE1HBU and XE1HEK will be active from this island that counts for DXCC as Revilla Gigedo. Their operation will start on February 18 and last for about 15 days. They will be active on all bands, including the WARC bands, six meters AND VHF/UHF/SHF. The modes will be SSB, CW, SSTV, EME and satellite. QSL to: Box 231, Colima, 2800 Mexico.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? The president of the Republic of Macedonia (One of the four countries recommended for DXCC country status by the DXAC, but has been put on hold by the ARRL Awards Committee for further study.) insisted the former Yugoslav republic would not adopt a new name in order to solve a diplomatic impasse with neighboring Greece. The Greeks state the name is part of Hellenic heritage and would imply territorial claims on the northern Greek province of Macedonia. Recognition and financial aid has been blocked by the International and European Communities, because of the continuing quarreling over the "Macedonia" name. "We have chosen the name "Republic of Macedonia" and we shall not correct it," President Kiro Gligorov told a European Parliament committee. "We have taken the name of the territory on which we live." (article from The Plain Dealer)

DXAC CHANGES. The DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) will have some new committee members for 1993. Ted Pauck, K8NA, will be leaving as DXAC member of the Great Lakes Division and DXAC Chairman. Bob Beatty, W4VQ, will be replacing K8NA as DXAC Chairman and Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, will be the new DXAC member for the Great Lakes Division. Jim Lane, N5DC, will be the new DXAC member for the West Gulf Division, replacing Dr. San Hutson, K5YY. Rick Roderick, K5UR, DXAC member for the Delta Division, is also the new liaison between the DXAC and the ARRL Board of Directors.

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